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TAGS: FAO, EFIS, IT

SUBJ: FAO ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIAN WHALING

FODAG

REF: STATE 4163

1. BOEREMA OF FAO FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAYS FAO EXPERTS HAVE FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS BEEN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, UNDER FREEDOM FROM HUNGER PROJECT AND IN RESPONSE TO INDONESIAN REQUEST, TO ABORIGINAL WHALING ON LOMBLIN ISLAND, WHERE POPULATION HAS TRADITIONALLY DEPENDED UPON LOCAL WHALING TO MEET PROTEIN AND HEATING NEEDS. ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN DESIGNED MERELY TO ENABLE ISLANDERS TO MEET THEIR LOCAL NEEDS IN SOMEWHAT MORE MODERN AND LESS DANGEROUS AND CRUEL FASHION THAN WITH TRADITIONAL CANOES AND SPEARS. NUMBER OF WHALES TAKEN ANNUALLY REMAINS IN TWENTIES, ALMOST ALL SPERM, AND SOME DOLPHINS ALSO HAVE BEEN TAKEN. FAO EXPERTS ARE ALSO ASSISTING IN FISHING, WHICH COULD LARGELY REPLACE WHALING.

2. BOEREMA BELIEVES MATTER HAS NOT BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION OF WHICH INDONESIA IS NOT MEMBER.

IWC HAS GIVEN EXCEPTION IN LIKE CASE TO ABORIGINAL TAKING OF  
WHALES BY ESKIMOS IN ALASKA, WHICH IS OF BOWHEAD WHALES,  
MORE STRICTLY CONTROLLED THAN SPERM WHALES. SOME SPERM  
WHALES TAKEN BY LOMBLÉN ISLANDERS ARE BELOW SIZE SET BY IWC  
LIMITATIONS, BUT BOEREMA IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE IWC WOULD NOT  
TAKE ISSUE WITH LOMBLÉN ISLAND ABORIGINAL WHALING. VOLPE

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